

# Agency 082 - COMM FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) was created by LB101 in 1979 by the Nebraska Unicameral. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission can be found in the N.R.S §71-4728 to 71-4728.05 and sections 20-150 and 20-154.

## **VISION:**

As a proactive and reactive state agency, the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing strives to enhance collaboration by creating support, cooperation, and understanding to achieve fairness and equality in all aspects of the lives for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskan residents. The Commission was created to improve the quality and coordination of existing services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and development of new services when necessary.

## **MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:**

The mission of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to promote and advocate for Nebraskans who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing; to achieve equality and opportunity in social, educational, vocational, and legal aspects impacting their daily lives; and to enhance and monitor access to effective communication and telecommunication technology.

NCDHH's responsibilities include the following:

- Conduct and collect data and provide information on Nebraskans who have a hearing loss;
- Develop communication processes involving the training and licensing of sign language interpreters statewide;
- Promote awareness of hearing loss and assess services and monitor services available to residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## **GOALS:**

The goals of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are:

- Provide and promote services and training to create awareness to empower Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans.
- Implement and maintain programs through collaboration with consumer groups, Governor, Legislature, community organizations, service providers, and other government agencies at all levels.
- Initiate, broaden, and maintain the collection and dissemination of information regarding the strategies for living with, the prevention of, and the impact of deafness and hearing loss.
- Ensure full access to mental health, alcohol, and substance abuse services. Ensure and implement access to quality interpreting services.

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## Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	1,051,660	1,003,151	1,138,093	1,027,451	1,059,660	1,046,660
Cash Fund	17,261	16,600	36,600	36,600	36,600	36,600
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>1,068,921</b>	<b>1,019,751</b>	<b>1,174,693</b>	<b>1,064,051</b>	<b>1,096,260</b>	<b>1,083,260</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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